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### **Memorandum of Understanding between IOC and IAMS LIC**

The following document establishes a formal agreement between IAMS LIC and IOC to cooperative on projects of joint interest and benefit. Steve Watkins and Peter Pissierssens initially crafted it with input from the Executive Board. As you consider future IAMS LIC projects, please note this strengthened relationship between our organizations.

#### **Memorandum of Understanding**

##### **Between**

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, herein called IOC, the Headquarters of which are situated in Paris, France of the first part.

The International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers, herein called IAMS LIC, incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Oregon, United States of America of the second part

##### **With respect to the IOC**

The IOC is a body with functional autonomy within the United National Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The new statutes of the IOC were adopted by the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the UNESCO General Conference in November 1999 which identify the purpose of the Commission as *"to promote international cooperation and to coordinate programmes in research, services and capacity building, in order to learn more about the nature*

*and resources of the ocean and coastal areas and to apply that knowledge for the improvement of management, sustainable development, the protection of the marine environment, and the decision-making process of its Member States."*

The IOC's International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE) was established in 1961 to enhance marine research, exploitation and development by facilitating the exchange of oceanographic data and information between participating Member States and by meeting the needs of users for data and information products.

##### **With respect to IAMS LIC**

The International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers is a non-profit association of individuals and organizations having an interest in library and information science, especially as these are applied to the recording, retrieval and dissemination of knowledge and information in all aspects of aquatic and marine sciences and their allied disciplines. The Association provides a forum for the exchange and exploration of ideas and issues of mutual concern.

##### **Areas of mutual interest and proposed activities for cooperation**

Under the Terms of this Memorandum, it is hereby agreed that:

1. The missions of IOC (and its IODE) and IAMS LIC coincide in a number of areas and the reinforcement of operational linkages and collaboration in these areas will help to increase the effectiveness and impact of their individual and joint activities.

2. This Memorandum of Understanding provides a framework for actions that will aim at the following objectives:

- 1) provide training and support to build the human capacity for managing marine information;
- 2) promote the networking of marine information managers;
- 3) promote the capacity of libraries and information centres to disseminate, and provide access to , marine scientific literature for the benefit of marine scientists and other relevant users;

3. Proposals for collaborative actions will be exchanged for discussion and will include a description of the action, expected outcome and deliverables, timeline and budget, and responsibilities of each partner. Such actions may be the subject of formal partnership agreements.

4. Examples of such actions may include:

- 1) joint organization of marine information management training courses;
- 2) promote cooperation between IOC's Ocean Data and Information Network (ODIN) projects and IAMS LIC's regional groups;
- 3) cooperate in the OceanTeacher/ODIMEX (Integrated Expert and Training System for Oceanographic Data and Information Management) project, with particular emphasis on its marine information management sub-system;
- 4) cooperate in the further development and strengthening of specialized portals providing access to web-based marine information, including the OceanPortal system.

5. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature by the parties.

6. This Memorandum of Understanding will have duration of two years from the date of signature. At that time the parties can decide to renew, modify

or terminate this Memorandum without financial implications.

7. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party before the expiry date of the Memorandum by giving notice in writing to the other party. The period of notice is 30 days.

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Mr. Steven Watkins, President of IAMS LIC



**HOBART CONFERENCE NEWS** from Denis Abbott, CSIRO

Welcome reception

Will be on Sunday evening, in the Canteen at CSIRO Marine Research, the conference venue and will be sponsored by CSIRO Marine Research, the Australian Institute of Marine Science and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

CMR Canteen/Bayview catering quote \$25/head for 2hrs drinks & range of food

Official reception

Government House has extended an invitation for a reception at 5.30pm Mond 6 Sept. Conference sessions will have to finish early that day. This is quite a coup for IAMS LIC. The current Governor has extensive experience as an international diplomat. He was the chief UN Weapons inspector in Iraq after the first Gulf War and recently has been quite outspoken on international affairs. Government House is a prominent 19thC building and the following Web site explains the constitutional role of a State Governor and gives a virtual tour of the House:

Government House:  
<http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/governor/>

#### Field trip

Denis and Barbara Abbott recently tried the Peppermint Bay ferry trip in order to assess its suitability as a field trip for the Conference. The trip travels down the Derwent River into the d'Entrecasteaux Channel with lunch at Peppermint Bay. The ferry company provides a guide who is a marine biologist. As well as commenting on the landscape along the route she also uses an underwater camera to show and describe the underwater habitats. The guide is also a secondary teacher at the Marine Studies Centre run by the Tasmanian Education Dept for primary & secondary schools, which is also located at Peppermint Bay. She has offered to give a tour of the Centre for a nominal contribution.

The trip is usually 12noon to 4.30-5pm, so we could have some conference sessions and the final business meeting that morning. We are planning this for the Thurs, i.e. close the conference and walk around the harbour to the Brooke St Pier for the field trip.

#### Conference Dinner

Phil & Denis had a look at Mure's Upperdeck fish restaurant last week. The décor, the setting amidst the docks and the food make this an ideal choice for the dinner. Phil is getting menus to look at before Easter.

We may consider hiring the guitarist, Cary Lewincamp and although he is expensive, the sponsorships that are coming in could make this possible.

Mure's Upper Deck Restaurant

<http://www.view.com.au/mures/upper.htm>

#### Presentations from local scientists

Karen Gowlett-Holmes has agreed to put on one of her wonderful slideshows. She is the invertebrate taxonomist here, formerly of the South Australian Museum, a keen diver and an award winning, underwater photographer. Here's a sample, but you really have to see them projected onto a screen to get the full benefit.

<http://www.civgeo.rmit.edu.au/bryozoa/gowlett-holmes/default.html>

<http://www.eaglehawkdive.com.au/Karen/>

Alistair Hobday did his PHD at Scripps and has had Peter B. help him with fieldwork, i.e. diving. He is working in the pelagic fisheries program, in particular on southern Bluefin Tuna.

<http://www.marine.csiro.au/research/tropical/pelagico/index.html>

#### VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA

The following are quotes from the Australian Immigration Web site:

Anyone who is not an Australian citizen needs a valid visa or Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) – either of these are an authority to enter and spend time in Australia.

With the exception of New Zealand citizens traveling on New Zealand passports, all foreign nationals must obtain a visa or ETA before traveling to Australia (New Zealand citizens are issued with a visa on arrival in Australia.)

ETA-eligible delegates are those who hold a passport issued by one of the 34 countries and locations listed on this Web page:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/facts/55eta.htm>

Intending delegates who hold passports that have been issued by any country not listed in **ETA-Eligible Countries** will usually need to apply for a subclass 456 Short Stay Business Visa.

[www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/456.pdf](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/456.pdf)

As part of the documentation for this visa you require: a signed original letter from the Event Organiser detailing the dates the delegate is required to be in Australia; the capacity in which they will attend the event; and details of any financial support to be provided

My apologies for all this, but you probably realise that travel arrangements are becoming more complicated all over the World, putting more demands on all of us.

**RESOURCE SHARING**, submitted by Ann Devenish and the Resource Sharing Committee

News from the Resource Sharing Committee ... a Powerpoint tutorial to assist users in searching the IAMS LIC Z39.50 Distributed Library and the Union List of Marine & Aquatic Serials. It can be found at [http://www.iamslc.org/publications\\_papers/resource sharing.ppt](http://www.iamslc.org/publications_papers/resource sharing.ppt)

**IAMS LIC WEB SITE UPDATE**, submitted by Sally Taylor and the Web Committee

CALENDAR <http://www.iamslc.org/calendar.html>  
Louis has improved the calendar in both functionality and look & feel. If you would like to advertise an event on the calendar, please let me know. The IAMS LIC executive can also make additions to the calendar.

#### NEW BOOK LISTS

<http://www.iamslc.org/publications/books.html>  
At the suggestion of one of our members (thanks Joe Wible!), the new books database has been redesigned so that a member only has to enter a link to his/her library's new book list once (vs. every time there were new books).

You can view the new book lists alphabetically by library, or have a look at the libraries in your regional group.

If you would like to add a listing for your library, or edit your current listing, please go to the members' side of the web site at:

<http://www.iamslc.org/members/books.html>

| Library Listing   |
|---|
| <b>AWI Library</b><br>Institution: Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research<br>Location: Bremerhaven / Germany<br>Regional Group: EURASLIC            |
| <b>California Academy of Sciences Library</b><br>Institution: California Academy of Sciences<br>Location: San Francisco/California/U.S.A.<br>Regional Group: CYAMUS |
| <b>CSU Monterey Bay Library</b><br>Institution: California State University, Monterey Bay<br>Location: Seaside, California, USA<br>Regional Group: CYAMUS           |

**THE GUIN FUND AT WORK**, reported by Barbara Butler and the Membership Committee.

As you know, members from the developed world devote \$5 per year of their IAMS LIC membership dues towards the Guin Funds (and some members make additional voluntary contributions).

The Guin Fund was so named to honor the tireless work of Marilyn Guin of Hatfield Marine Science Center, a longtime IAMS LIC member who passed away in 1989.

Recommendations for Guin Fund expenditures are the responsibility of the IAMS LIC Treasurer, the Chair of the IAMS LIC Membership Committee and one member at large. The committee grants a limited number of one-time three-year complimentary memberships and may also choose to subsidize travel expenses for those from developing countries who would like to attend the IAMS LIC conference. We are please to announce six new IAMS LIC members who have been given complimentary memberships running from 2004-2006. If these new members participate in the IAMS LIC Z39.50 Library as borrowers we will encourage them to contribute their significant local holdings to the IAMS LIC Union List of Serials.

Please welcome:

Jose Javier Alio from Venezuela  
Amy Arisola from the Phillipines  
Maria Salete Ribellatto Arita from Brazil  
Enma Fonseca Arcaya from Cuba  
Njai Basiru from Gambia  
Jose Pinto from Venezuela  
Ms. Tran Thi Lien from Vietnam  
Dr. M. Ibeun from Nigeria



## MEETING REPORTS



**Cyamus 2004 Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia**, report by Jim Markham.

"Neighbouring Waters", the Annual Meeting of the Cyamus Regional Group of IAMSLIC, was held 3-6 March, 2004, in Vancouver, British Columbia. In attendance were 33 Cyamus librarians from Hawai'i, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, California, Baja California Sur, Sonora, and Sinaloa, plus 2 representatives from Cambridge Scientific Abstracts, and various local British Columbia researchers. Most of the attendees came from British Columbia or California.

The opening reception Wednesday evening was held at the headquarters of the Pacific Salmon Commission (<http://www.psc.org/Index.htm>), which was established in 1985 when the Pacific Salmon Treaty (<http://www.psc.org/Treaty/Treaty.pdf>) was signed between the United States and Canada. The two countries have equal numbers on the PSC, with each national delegation representing the interests of commercial and recreational fisheries, as well as federal, state (provincial), and tribal governments. PSC provides regulatory advice and a forum for discussion for all management issues involving salmon which cross international boundaries.

Over the course of the next two days, Cyamus met at various institutions, all of which have librarians who are Cyamus members. On Thursday morning, the sessions started at Fisheries and Oceans Canada ([http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pages/default\\_e.htm](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pages/default_e.htm)). From FOC Fisheries Management we heard about rockfish and lingcod sustainability; like salmon, rockfish are fished by commercial, recreational, and First Nations fishermen, and partly because of rockfish, British Columbia promises to be a big dive destination area. Management is difficult, because

rockfish are very hard to tag. They live in deep water and die if brought to the surface. There are now 89 areas closed to rockfish fishing. Videos mounted on some boats monitor the catches automatically, then relay the information to shore.

The usual Cyamus Roundtable included reports from most represented libraries, with descriptions of several ongoing projects of interest. Moss Landing Marine Labs Library is an institutional depository for California Fish and Game reports, and these are now getting original cataloging. The NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center in La Jolla is getting a new library. At the Scripps Institution of Oceanography nearby, a project in bibliographical archeology is producing encoded PDFs of classic old reports. At Hopkins Marine Station in Pacific Grove, student papers are being migrated from Endnote to HTML so they are searchable by Google. At USC the Hancock Library is closed. At the Centro Interdisciplinario de Investigación para el Desarrollo Integral Regional, Unidad Sinaloa (CIIDIR-IPN) theses are being digitized. The University of British Columbia Library is launching Endeavor.

In the afternoon the meetings moved to the Vancouver Aquarium (<http://www.vanaqua.org/>) where we had a tour behind the scenes, then heard about various projects being carried out in cooperation with the Aquarium, including investigations of Stellar sea lion declines and tracking of salmon and leatherback sea turtles in the Pacific.

On Friday the meetings moved to the University of British Columbia (<http://www.ubc.ca/>). Representatives from Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CSA) which provides Aquatic Sciences & Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA), the most important database for IAMSLIC, gave their usual overview of what is new and forthcoming at CSA and ASFA and collected feedback from librarians. Evidence from previous years indicates this process works, and librarian feedback results in changes to ASFA. It was noted again that CSA is an independent international organization not owned by any large conglomerates. Full-text linking to journals is being expanded, and much gray literature is being added to ASFA. CSA is developing a map-based query facility for searching, and the search interface will change dramatically, but the old interface will still be there.

Mexican librarians reported on various projects at their institutions. More information was provided

on the thesis digitization project at CIIDIR-IPN, noted above, which is necessary in order to make theses available to all, because the National Polytechnical Institute has 14 campuses nationwide. Centro Interdisciplinario de Ciencias Marinas (CICIMAR) in La Paz is digitizing documents acquired by exchange, purchase, or donation because they need to preserve and make them available, and the library lacks space. A report was also presented on the very small library in Mazatlán serving the 5 different research centers of the Centro de Investigación en Alimentación y Desarrollo (CIAD)

Longtime IAMSLIC member Eric Marshall, retired to B.C. after years as FOC librarian in Winnipeg, gave an account of life after the library, describing his activities as a volunteer assistant in humpback whale research in Hawai'i.

From the UBC Office of Learning Technology we were treated to an enthusiastic description of various grassroots technological developments in open access, including Wikis, Weblogs, and RSS (<http://careo.elearning.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?SmallPieces>). After installation of Wiki software, with a few simple keystrokes one can build a quick webpage which can then be edited by anyone who logs onto it, which could be useful for classroom or committee projects.

The UBC Fisheries Centre is involved in Project Seahorse, an unusual project combining both research and advocacy. The charismatic seahorses have a global distribution and are traded internationally in large numbers. Site faithful, with little mobility, they recover very slowly from overfishing and serve as indicators of ecological conditions. Of 32 species, 20 are threatened. CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) (<http://www.cites.org/>) has been extended to many endangered species after prolonged negotiations finally resulted in an initial breakthrough agreement on seahorses. "Saving seahorses means saving the seas."

A UBC report on open access discussed the Public Knowledge Project (<http://pkp.ubc.ca/index.html>), including Open Journal Systems and Open Conference Systems, and described DSpace (<http://www.dspace.org/>), a digital library system to capture, store, index, preserve, and redistribute the intellectual output of a university's research faculty in digital formats. DSpace is freely available as an open source

system. It has been used mostly for physics to date, and should be used more for marine biology. A killer-whale expert from the Vancouver Aquarium reported on the differences between the local fish-eating orcas and transient mammal-eating orcas, with different languages and no overlap in diet, and noted that there is also a third group, the offshore orcas, different from the first two.

We also had a tour of the amazing Museum of Anthropology at UBC (<http://www.moa.ubc.ca/>) with its fantastic collection of Northwest Coast art from the First Nations, especially totem poles and other carvings.

The conference banquet was held in the Vancouver Aquarium, where Cyamus members dined with the sharks and tropical fish. On Saturday, after the close of the conference, there was an opportunity to tour the Vancouver Maritime Museum (<http://www.vancouvermaritimemuseum.com/>).

We thank the local organizers, Gord Miller (FOC), Marcia Croy Vanwely (FOC), Treva Ricou (Vancouver Aquarium) Teri Tarita (PSC) and Sally Taylor (UBC) for a really interesting, valuable, and well-organized meeting. For me personally, having been both a grad student and post-doctoral researcher at UBC, this was a great opportunity to meet with old friends, revisit Vancouver and UBC, and find out what is new at UBC in Botany, Oceanography, and the Woodward Biomedical Library. Much has changed, but it is still great. As usual, the most valuable part of the Cyamus meeting was networking with old and new colleagues, which will help our work back home in the coming months. As of this writing it appears likely that next year's Cyamus meeting will be at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD in La Jolla.



## Euraslic Update April 2004

*Joan Baron Varley*

Euraslic President May 2000 - April 2004

The last four years as President of Euraslic have been a very interesting and rewarding time for

me. Two Conferences have been successfully organised and implemented, one of which was the Joint Conference with Iamslic in Brest. Significant progress has been made in a number of projects, including the Black Sea Library Cooperation Project (BLICOP), the ECET Libraries Union Catalogue and the European Directory of Aquatic Sciences Libraries and Information Centres Project. My greatest satisfaction during the last four years, however, has come from welcoming new members, many from ECET countries, to our Association, helping them to attend their first Euraslic and Iamslic Conferences, and encouraging them to become involved in Euraslic and Iamslic projects.

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of Unesco and the International Association of Aquatic Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSILIC) are thanked for their continued support of our activities, and most recently for the grants they awarded to the BLICOP and Directory Projects. In addition to supporting the above ongoing projects, this year we will be investing in the re-design and re-development of the Euraslic website at VLIZ - Vlaams Instituut voor de Zee vzw (Flanders Marine Institute) and work will begin in earnest towards our 2005 Conference in Croatia for which the venue, the Hotel Marjan, Split, has now been booked. *(Further details about the Conference appear later in this Newsletter)*

We have endeavoured during the last twelve months to raise the profile of Euraslic with other European aquatic networks and initiatives, and with international organisations such as the IOC. This activity put into question the whole status of our relationship with Iamslic, and Euraslic/Iamslic relations continue to be the subject of ongoing [friendly] discussions between our two Executive Boards. These discussions may well continue for many months, primarily because of the implications of the eventual outcomes for other Iamslic Regional Groups, and so they will now be taken forward by the new Euraslic President, Jan Haspeslagh and the new Board. Full details of the new Euraslic Board are listed below.

In this increasingly electronic age, I remain strongly committed to the importance and value of human networking between librarians and information specialists and the broader aquatic science community, and I strongly encourage

increased representation of Iamslic and its Regional Groups at future regional and international scientific meetings. We must continue to make every effort to raise the profile of the valuable work carried out by staff in libraries and information centres, so that we can be assured of being included in broader aquatic science projects and initiatives in the future.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve Euraslic as President and I send my very best wishes to all my friends in Euraslic and Iamslic. I hope to meet up with many of you at future Conferences.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS



The **SAIL 2004** meeting will be held at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute; Port Aransas, TX. Hosted by Liz DeHart and Denise Landry-Hyde, from Texas A&M, Corpus Christi, May 11-14, 2004. Conference site is <http://mrl.cofc.edu/sail/2004frameset.html>

Liz DeHart reports that IAMSLIC awarded SAIL a grant to help with the 2004 SAIL Conference, which included funding for travel. Two SAIL members were qualified to receive travel allowances based on the following criteria:

Applicants must be SAIL members and presenting a poster (explanation of content required) or paper at the meeting. Priority will be given to those coming from the greatest distance, those with the longest membership in SAIL, and those showing prior support for SAIL by serving as the SAIL representative to IAMSLIC or hosting a conference.



### EURASLIC 2005 to be held in Split, Croatia

We have pleasure in inviting you to the **11th Biennial EURASLIC Conference** to be held in Split, Croatia from May 4-7, 2005. We are hoping for successful meeting where we will all exchange ideas and experiences to help us improve our work and knowledge. The town of Split, situated on the Croatian coast, will be the perfect place for you to discuss the issues of aquatic science libraries, as well as to see the beauty of the Adriatic sea and thousands of islands!

*Conference Venue and Accommodation:*

#### **Hotel Marjan**

<http://www.hotel-marjan.com/index2.html>  
Obala kneza Branimira 8, 21000 Split, CROATIA  
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The Hotel Marjan is located right on the coast, alongside Split city centre and beneath the Marjan park/forest. It is only a 5 minute walk away from ACI Marina Split, and about 15 minutes to the ferry port, bus and train terminals.

More information will be provided soon at the Conference Website.

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**A Final Tidbit** from Gordon Miller, Pacific Biological Station, Fisheries and Oceans Canada reports:

The Environmental Program of the US Dept. of the Interior's Mineral Management Service maintains a database of all? completed ESP reports. The main page for the program (<http://mmspub.mms.gov:81/index.html>) claims that reports from more than 700 studies are stored as pdf files. The reports can be retrieved (slowly!!) through the ESPIS search page (<http://mmspub.mms.gov:81/search.html>)

I was able to locate reports here, that standard search engines missed.

While I am skeptical about the claim that all completed reports are available, this site may prove to be a valued resource especially for the illusive OCSEAP reports and OCS studies



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